Berks County Housing Resource List

Do you have home repair and weatherization needs?

- **Weatherization Assistance Program:** Helps reduce energy costs for low-income individuals and higher-risk residents.
  Contact: Berks Community Action Program. 610-376-6571 or visit bcapberks.org/weatherization
- **Whole Home Repair Program:** Provides funding for home repairs and accessibility modifications for low-income households.
  Contact: Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks 610-478-6325 or visit bcwhrp.com currently closed.
- **Home Repair Program (504):** 1% loans to low-income families and grants for seniors in rural areas. Contact: USDA Rural Development. 484-795-7619 or visit rd.usda.gov

Do you need rental assistance?

- **Emergency Rental Assistance Program:** Funding can be used to pay past due or upcoming rent and utilities; assist with rehousing costs for eligible applicants, landlord or tenant.
  Contact: The Berks Coalition to End Homelessness, Inc or call 610-372-7222 or visit bceh.org
- **Housing Choice Vouchers:** Assist low-income individuals with obtaining housing in the private housing market.
  Contact: Berks County Housing Authority. (610) 370-0822 or visit berksha.org/hcv-section-8-program
- **Catholic Charities:** Assists veterans with low income obtain and maintain permanent housing.
  Contact: 610-376-7144 or visit catholiccharitiesad.org

Are you homeless?

- **Homeless Hotline:** 610-372-7222
- **Emergency Shelter**
  Opportunity House: 610-374-4696
  Hope Rescue Mission: For men. 610-375-4224
  Mary's Shelter: For Pregnant women. 610-376-1973
  Safe Berks: Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault: 24-hour hotline. 844-789-7233 or visit safeberks.org
  YMCA of Reading & Berks County: Transitional housing programs
  Contact 610-378-4700 or visit ymcarbc.org
- **Homeless Assistance Program:** Human Services/Grants Coordinator, County of Berks. 610-478-6194

Do you have legal problems?

- **MidPenn Legal Services - Reading:** Provides free legal assistance to income eligible people. Call 800-326-9177 or visit midpenn.org
- **Berks County Bar Association:** 610-375-4591 or visit berksbar.org

Do you have disability needs?

- **Supportive Concepts for Families, INC:** Helps people with disabilities by providing supportive services to increase or maintain their level of independence in the community and at home.
  Contact: 888-686-7233 or visit supportiveconcepts.org
- **Disability Rights Pennsylvania:** Provides help to Pennsylvanians with disabilities and have questions related to their disability.
  Contact: 800-692-7443 or visit disabilityrightspa.org
- **Inglis Self-Determination Housing Program (SDHP):** Helps people with disabilities live independently by making accessibility modifications.
  Contact: 610-873-9595 or visit sdhp.org

Do you need help with utilities?

- **Customer Assistance Program:** Provides a monthly discount on your bill, pauses your debt, and offers debt forgiveness.
  Blair County Assistance Office: 866-812-3341
  UGI: 800-UGI-WARM
  WesternBerks Water: 610-678-4400
- **Utility Assistance:** Provides rental assistance, utility assistance to prevent shut off, first month's rent or security deposit assistance.
  Salvation Army: 610-373-5208
  Reading Human Relations Commission: 610-655-6141
- **Pennsylvania Utility Law Project (PULP):** Are you facing utility shut off? Are you already without service? Call: 1-844-645-2500

2-1-1 United Way

Free resource and information hub that connects you with customized health, housing, and human services information. 24/7 confidential phone service in 180 languages. **Dial 211 or visit pa211.org**

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